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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR CASTRO

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TAGS OVIP (ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY)
SUBJECT VAKY VISIT

REF: STATE 285180

1. I HAVE NOT BEEN URGING THAT YOU VISIT BUENOS AIRES BECAUSE A VISIT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE TIMELY. AT THE MOMENT, THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE HAS DISTRACTED ALMOST ALL ATTENTION. IT PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR ANOTHER FEW WEEKS OR SO. FURTHERMORE, THE DUST HAS NOT SETTLED FROM THE NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS AND WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE FINAL DECISIONS ON THIS YEAR'S CYCLE OF MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS WHICH ARE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD COME OUT TOWARD THE END OF THIS MONTH. WITH ALL THESE UNCERTAINTIES, YOUR VISIT WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING PRODUCTIVE.

2. FOR THE MOMENT I CONSIDER YOUR VISIT AS UNTIMELY DUE TO POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATIONS THAT COULD BE GIVEN BY SOME SECTORS, WHO WOULD "TAG" IT AS A DEVIOUS MISSION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SITUATION MAY EVOLVE THAT WITHIN THREE OR

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FOUR WEEKS A VISIT BY YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. PERHAPS BY THEN IT COULD HOPEFULLY BE INTERPRETED AS A FULFILLMENT ON YOUR PART OF A PROMISE TO VISIT A COUNTRY OF A TREMENDOUS FUTURE. TIME WILL TELL.

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3. PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS OF A VISIT BY YOU HAVE ALWAYS STRESSED THAT YOU WOULD VISIT ARGENTINA ALONE AND NOT BE MAKING A SWING THROUGH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. WHEN YOU DO VISIT, SOME ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO THIS LEGEND.

4. I WISH YOU WOULD LET ME ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AGAIN AFTER THE IAHRC HAS ACCEPTED THE ARGENTINE INVITATION, AFTER THE GOA HAS DEPOSITED ITS RATIFICATION OF TLAZOLCO AND AFTER THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE HAS SUCCESSFULLY BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER AGAIN.

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